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Michael J. Copps FCC Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 1919 M St. Washington, D.C.

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Dear Commissioner Kopps,

## Distribution Center

I read about your concerns regarding media-ownership consolidation and indecency on television and radio ion a news story written by Edmund Sanders, Times staff reporter, in the L.A. Times December 16. According to the story you're calling for a public hearing on media-ownership consolidation and indecency on television and radio. I support your hearings.

The prospect of newspapers merging with television stations and radio stations smacks of totalitarianism. The stifling of independent thought is quite evident.

IO'm currently reading Haynes Johnson's book The Best of Times about the boom and bust years of America. Mr. Johnson has a chapter in his book describing the horrors which have taken place in the nation's TV and radio networks since President Reagan successfully abolished rules controlling the media, rules which required networks and station owners to give public service if they wished to renew their licenses. Rather than public service, the TV networks and radio have become a seabed of advertising. Talk shows are shouting matches. Anything goes for a dollar.

Perhaps can contact Mr. Johnson to support your demand for a public hearing. Haynes Johnson, Lehrer News Hour, Public Television, Washington, D.C.

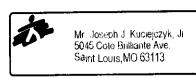
Perhaps you could explain your concerns on C-Span or the Lehrer News Hour.

Would you accept an appearance on Bill Moyers NOW program?

You have my support. I'm tired of the indecency which concerns you and the wresting of the media (which is publicly owned) away from the people into the hands of entrepreneurs who are only interested in the bottom line.

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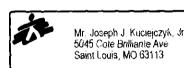
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Dear Mr. Powell:

January 11, 2003

I oppose efforts to restrict competion in the radio and television industry and to allow newspapers to own radio and Tustations. St. Louis is a one deily newspaper town. If it were allowed to own the radio and Tustations, we would get only one editorial slant on what the news is. The airwaver are a public trust, not a commercial commodity. Existing and preexisting regulations allowed the operation of local stations, and protect National Public Radio from predatory practices. When people do not get free access to various views on information in a timely manner, America cease & to be a democratic republic.



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